Non-Fulfilment of Commitment to Liquidate the Backlog of Wait Listed Registrants

1306. SHRI OP. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Questions 4188 and 115 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th April, 1995 and 12th July, 1996 respectively and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more than 30,000 registrants under the 1979. New Pattern Scheme waiting for allotment of flats; and

(b) if so, whether Government would be able to fulfil this commitment to liquidate the backlog of wait-listed registrants by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) DDA has reported that as on date there is a backlog of 32104 registrants under the MIG & LIG categories who are awaiting allotment under the New Pattern Registration Scheme, 1979. Due to the constraints in the availability of land, and delays in the provisions of services by various agencies, it will not be possible to liquidate the backlog of wait-listed registrants by the end of 8th Five Year Plan.

Prime Minister's Call for Meeting on Enron

1307. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Economic Times of 5th June, 1996 captioned "Gowda calls meet on Enron";

(b) if so, the action taken in regard thereto;

(c) the progress made regarding the fast track power projects; and

(d) the number of cases in which the Central Government has given counter guarantees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENU-GOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The progress of all private power projects including fast track power projects is closely monitored by the Government of India with a view to remove bottlenecks, if any.

(c) and (d) Counter guarantee has been issued in respect of two projects out Of 8 fast track projects for which counter guarantee has been agreed to be extended. The brief status of these projects is indicated below:—

SI. No.	Name of the Project/State	Capacity (MW)	Status
1.	Godavari GBPP/ Andhra Pradesh	208	Project is under construction. Promoters have withdrawn request for counter guarantee.
2.	Jegurupadu GBPP/ Andhra Pradesh	216	Project is under construction first gas turnine of 45.8 MW has been syncronised on 4.7.1996. Counter guarantee for the project is under advanced stage of consideration.
3.	Visakhapatnam TPS/ Andhra Pradesh	1000	The techno-economic clearance of Central Electricity Authority for the project is under advanced stage of consideration. PPA is being finalised between the State Government and the promoters.
4.	Dabhol TPS Phase-I/ Maharashtra	695 740 (after renegotiation)	Counter guarantee issued for 695 MW on [illegible]. Construction started after financial closure on 1.3.1995 and later suspended and subsequently project was renegotiated by the State Government. Counter guarantee extended to the revised Phase-I of 740 MW. Construction expected to start against soon.